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INCLUDING ENDSTATIONS

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

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UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.136(a)

Applicants hereby respectfully petition the  
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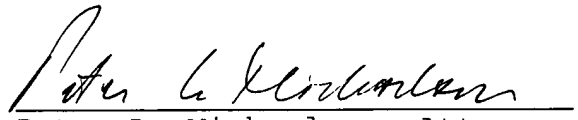
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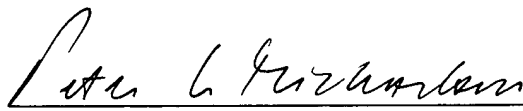
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